

Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

December 3, 2023
The First Sunday in Advent



Advent: The Season of Hope in Jesus

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Bulletin dedication: *Jesus said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment but has passed from death to life.”* (John 5:24). Today’s bulletin is dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of James “Jamie” Luckstein, son of Don and Becky Luckstein. He was born on September 13, 1977, and died on December 4, 2002. May God comfort and strengthen all those who are missing loved ones during the holiday season. We take comfort in our loving God who gave us the greatest gift in His Son, Jesus, who came to bring us out of death to eternal life by His cross and resurrection.

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask everyone to please fill out a white postcard-sized Communication/Communion Card, which has been placed at the entrances. Offerings can be put in the marked grey baskets.

>> **Guests**, please fill out the card with your name and address. Place in the offering basket, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. If desiring to commune, please visit with the pastor (see Communion statement below) and note your home congregation. We hope you have enjoyed our worship service, and we invite you to join us again soon.

>> **Members**, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

Holy Communion Statement

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

Our Mission

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

Busy Bags: Available at the entrance are ‘Busy Bags’ = activity bags of color crayons/books, for any child. Borrow and use them for the service and return them to their hook for the next time!

Liturgy: Setting One, page 151

Sermon: “Waiting for Christ” – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Hymns:

331 - The Advent of Our King
696 - O God, My Faithful God
340 - Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
343 - Prepare the Royal Highway
332 - Savior of the Nations, Come

Organist: Debra Eggenberger

Elder: 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh, Jim Larson
10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Don Luckstein

Acolyte/Cross bearer: 8:00 am: Garrett Dessner
10:15 am: Dean Gerberding

December Altar Duty: Don & Becky Luckstein, Tom & Lisa Hoekstra

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP

Thanksgiving: 86
Sunday November 26: 102

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Thanksgiving: \$1,247.00
Sunday, November 26: \$3,131.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized: *No one at this time.* For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Kim Zabel (507) 272-6301 or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week

December 3: Cody Irish
December 5: Ellie Radel, James Miller, Alicia VanSchaick
December 6: Veda Klassen, Carri Michaelis, Marjorie Neumann
December 7: David Doane, Steven Schulz
December 8: Ruth Lentz, Lindsay Danckwart